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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUNS WILL INFORM DPC WHEN
MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF 1975-80
FORCE PROPOSALS AND THAT DPC WILL THEN REFER PROPOSALS
TO DRC FOR CONSIDERATION, PREPARATION OF DRAFT FORCE
GOALS AND THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE DPC FOR ADOPTION
OF GOALS.

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2. MISSION NEED NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS OF COUNTRY PROPOSALS AT THE TIME THE DPC REFERS THE ACTION TO DRC. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT APPROACH SUGGESTED BY LUNS (REF B) WHICH WE THINK VERY USEFUL OUTCOME FROM YOUR INITIATIVE OF JANUARY 25. YOU SHOULD ALSO URGE DPC TO INSTRUCT DRC TO IDENTIFY:

A. GOALS NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN COUNTRY PLANS.

B. POLITICALLY FEASIBLE LOW COST/NO COST MEASURE INCLUDED AS GOALS.

C. GOALS WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD MOVE NATO IN THE DIRECTION OF INCREASED STANDARDIZATION AND COOPERATION.

3. OUR OBJECTIVE IN THIS INITIAL DPC HANDLING IS AGREEMENT THAT THE GOALS SHOULD PRESENT A REASONABLE CHALLENGE SO THAT NO MAJOR FORCE STRUCTURE GAPS WILL REMAIN UNFILLED DURING THE PERIOD. THE RESULTANT FORCE STRUCTURE CONTAINED IN THE FORCE GOALS SHOULD PROVIDE A BALANCED TOTAL FORCE WHICH NATO AGREES IT CAN LIVE WITH AND SUPPORT DURING THE 75-80 PERIOD.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY GUIDANCE FOR MISSION USE DURING DPC CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS. WE INTEND TO APPLY US/NATO AGREED PRIORITIES TO INDIVIDUAL DRAFT GOALS. WE WILL NEED ACCESS TO THE AGREED MC PROPOSALS AND USDEL'S COMMENTS THEREON AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO TAKE MC REFINEMENTS INTO ACCOUNT IN WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD ASK LUNS FOR AN ADVANCE SCHEDULE OF DRC COUNTRY EXAMINATIONS AND PROVIDE IT TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO LET US PROGRAM OUR GUIDANCE FOR MISSION.

5. WE NOTE THAT DRC IS REQUIRED, UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES, TO INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT TO PERMREPS ANY AMENDMENTS OR DELETIONS OF MNC/MC FORCE PROPOSALS
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IN THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS STAGE. THIS SHOULD COVER ANY CHANGES IN PRIORITIES ACCORDED INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS.

6. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WASHINGTON COULD RECEIVE MISSION REPORTS ON ATTITUDES OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TOWARDS THE PROPOSALS/GOALS EXERCISE, IN PARTICULAR WHAT SPECIFIC FORCE PROPOSALS AMBASSADORS MIGHT IDENTIFY AS CAUSING DIFFICULTIES IN CAPITALS.

WE THINK THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR MISSION TO
REPORT IN LIGHT OF ANY ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL CHANGES
SINCE PROVISION OF DPQ-73 FINANCIAL DATA LAST JUNE.
LAST PROVIDED FIGURES MAY BE SOMEWHAT SUSPECT
CONSIDERING IMPACT OF ENERGY PROBLEMS ON WESTERN
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